

REMARKS

Applicants have received the Office Action mailed June 23, 2008. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 12, 17, 27-56 and 58 have been canceled. Claims 11, 15, 22, 25, 26, and 57 have been amended, and claims 60-61 have been added. Claims 3, 5, 8-11, 13-16, 18-26, 57, and 59-61 are pending, of which claims 3, 5, 13, 18, 59, 60, and 61 are independent.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 3, 5, 8-10, 13, 14, 18-21 and 59 are allowable.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 6, 7, 11, 15, 16, 22-26, 53-56 and 57 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,901,402 ("Corston-Oliver") in view of U.S. Patent application Publication No. 2003/0149704 ("Yayoi"). For purposes of accepting the allowable claims, and not for reasons related to patentability, applicants have canceled, without prejudice, claims 1, 6, 7, and 53-56. Applicants expressly reserve the right to present the canceled claims in a continuation application. Applicants have amended dependent claims 11, 15, 16, 22-26 and 57, such that these claims now depend from allowable independent claims. Accordingly, Applicants submitted that the above-referenced § 103 rejections are moot and request that they be withdrawn.

New Claims

In the response dated March 10, 2008, Applicant canceled claims 27-52, which were computer readable medium claims that corresponded to computer-implemented method claims 1-26. In that response, Applicants expressly reserved the right to reintroduce these claims in this application. Now that computer-implemented method claims have been allowed, Applicants have added several corresponding computer readable medium claims that include similar language as the language in the allowable claims. Specifically, Applicants have added

independent claim 60, which generally corresponds to previously canceled claim 44, with language that corresponds to the language in allowable claim 18. Independent claim 61 has also been added with language that corresponds to the language in allowable claim 59.

The new claims are fully supported by the originally filed claims and specification—particularly, by original claim 44 and at ¶¶ 0013, 0014, 0017, 0019, 0021, 0024, 0033, 0037, 0040, 0041, 00111, 00112. Accordingly no new matter has been added.

Applicants submit that the new claims are allowable for similar reasons that claims 60-61 are allowable, and Applicants request the these claims be entered and allowed.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 3, 5, 8-11, 13-16, 18-26, 57, and 59-61 are in condition for allowance and request that the Examiner allow them.

It is believed that all of the pending issues have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to this amendment.

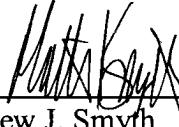
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